Hello 2015 LMB Members!

We are just over one month away from the 2015 season! The roster of the band is holding steady at 218 members: 18 piccolos, 21 clarinets, 23 alto saxes, 9 tenor saxes, 14 mellos, 35 trumpets, 18 trombones, 7 baritones, 15 Sousaphones, 28 drumline, 27 colorguard, 3 drum majors. We are hoping to pick up 5-7 more this month.

The next “Weekly LMB Newsletter” will be posted on Sunday, July 19, 2015. Please begin to check your GVSU e-mail each day. We will continue to send to personal accounts of incoming members and those attending other universities, but will also send duplicate e-mails to those registered for MUS 107 beginning August 1, 2015.

I. 2015 Band Camp Registration and MUS 107 Registration
A. The registration for the 2015 LMB Band Camp is open. Register online at www.gvsu.edu/marchingband under “2015 Season” - then, “Band Camp Registration.” Everyone must register by August 1, 2015. We must place clothing orders soon after. If you have any questions or need financial assistance, please contact Dr. Martin.
B. Everyone must register for MUS 107 (Section 01 or Section 02). If you have any scheduling problems, please contact Dr. Martin by phone at 616-328-1500 ASAP! Remember that MUS 107 is a tuition refund class for any LMB member taking over 15 credit hours in the fall. If you are taking over 15 credit hours, you must pay the extra cost upfront to GVSU, but you will be funded the full amount for 1 credit hour in November.

II. Pregame Music Memorization Videos – Due between August 10 to August 17
We have changed the process concerning the memorization check-off of the Pregame music!
A. Each wind & percussion member (including section leaders) will send an e-mail to GVSUBands@gvsu.edu that contains 3 hyperlinks to “unlisted” Youtube videos that show you playing your part to different sections of the Pregame show music memorized.
B. You must face the camera and be at least 6 feet away from camera.
C. Take the marked tempos for each tune and have a metronome ticking during your videos.
D. Video 1 – Pregame A (mm=140), Alma Mater (mm=88), National Anthem (mm=96)
   Video 2 – Pregame B (mm=140), Pregame C (mm=104), Pregame D (mm=140)
   Video 3 – Pregame E (mm=140), Pregame F (mm=140), Pregame G (mm=140).
E. Video Links due between August 10 to August 17
F. If you need a GVSU marching instrument for the rest of the summer, please contact the Band Office by e-mail at GVSUBands@gvsu.edu or call (616) 331-3396.

III. Help with Music Memorization and Marching Fundamentals – July 18 (1-5pm) & August 15 (1-5pm)
1. Rehearsal tracks for all parts to all Pregame songs will be available to listen to and play along with by June 1, 2015 or before. These tracks will be available on the LMB website in the “Members Only” area.
2. There will be a Music & Marching Help day on Saturday, July 18 (1 – 5pm) and Saturday, August 15 (1 – 5pm). Anyone who wants to come to GVSU at any point will receive help with memorization and/or marching.
3. The “LMB Marching Fundamental Handbook” is posted on the LMB website in the Members Only” area. You do not have to download the handbook! Just review it!
4. Updated videos of the “LMB Marching Fundamentals” are posted on the LMB website in the “Members Only” area under “2015 Pregame Music, Charts and Marching Fundamental Video.”

IV. Practicing with LMB Warm-Ups – Use of Flexibility #1, #2, and #3 – Show #1 Music
A. Please begin to work Flexibility #1 (music in the “Members Only” area on LMB website) and move to the next once you can comfortably play #1.
B. This year, Thomas Duebner (former LMB Drum Major and Trumpet Section Leader) is serving as the LMB Student Assistant. He is coordinating the warm-up routine for the band. By August 1, 2015. There will be videos on the website demonstrating our warm-up routine that will consist of breathing exercises, articulation exercises, use of the flexibility exercises, and tuning. We are thrilled to have Thomas on our staff this year!
C. Begin to work on Show #1 music. It does NOT have to be memorized!